

Transcript - Preparing to Drive Cross Country Podcast

My name is Jennifer. I'm married to a Marine. Six months ago we were informed that we would be relocating. Currently we're in Virginia. My husband is stationed at Quantico and we will be moving to Monterey, California.

We have a 3-year-old son. His name is James. He is recently potty trained. We plan on driving the 2,800 miles to California. We think it will take us about five days. The plan is to have the pull-up diapers on him as a backup just in case we can't stop when we need to because I just think that we're not going to have enough time and I do think we're going to have a setback to kind of having accidents.

Luckily my son is pretty used to getting in the car and being on the road. We haven't done it for this many days consecutively, so I am not sure that it will be as successful as some of our other trips. But we do have different things to keep him occupied. We did purchase a DVD player, which has been a big help on trips. So we have all of his favorite cartoons like Diego and Dora, and the Cars movie. We have his collection of Matchbox cars and all sorts of things like that to keep him occupied. And also we figured when one of us is not driving, my husband or I could even sit in the backseat with him and keep him occupied and play some games and stuff with him.

The real question is, will my husband and I make it across country alive without killing each other all that time But I know that for him as a passenger, if he's not sleeping he will be playing with his phone, I'm sure posting every minute to update the family on Facebook. And I have an iPad, so I can do that when I'm on the passenger side as well. So, I think we'll make it. We may have some, I'm sure something will come up that we may argue from time to time, but I think that's sort of our routine on trips.